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// KOSYGIN COMMENTS ON MIDEAST SITUATION //

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(TEXT) MOSCOW OCTOBER 15 TASS--ALEKSEY KOSYGIN SAID: "WE SHALL CONTINUE STRENGTHENING FURTHER SOLIDARITY WITH THE ARAB PEOPLES IN THEIR JUST STRUGGLE".

SPEAKING HERE TODAY AT A DINNER IN HONOUR OF PRIME MINISTER OF DENMARK ANKER JORGENSEN, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS SAID:

WE CANNOT BUT SEE THAT THE OPPONENTS OF DETENTE ARE TRYING TO USE EVERY PRETEXT TO REVIVE THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE COLD WAR AND CAUSE MISTRUST IN THE POLICY OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. THEY ARE NOW TRYING IN EVERY WAY TO EXPLOIT IN THESE PURPOSES THE RESUMPTION OF HOSTILITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WHITEWASHING THE AGGRESSOR AND ACCUSING THE VICTIMS OF AGGRESSION. THEY HAVE GONE SO FAR IN THIS THAT THEY ARE PRESENTING THE SOVIET UNION'S SOLIDARITY WITH THE VICTIMS OF ISRAEL'S AGGRESSION--WITH THE ARAB COUNTRIES--AS ALL BUT THE SOURCE OF TENSION IN THAT AREA. IT IS DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE ANYTHING FURTHER REMOVED FROM REALITY.

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IT IS AN OPEN SECRET THAT THE AGGRESSIVE POLICY OF THE ISRAELI RULING CIRCLES IS A CAUSE OF THE EXISTING SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. USING OUTSIDE SUPPORT AND PATRONAGE, THESE CIRCLES WERE FRUSTRATING ALL THE EFFORTS AIMED AT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND WERE FANNING UP THE FLAMES OF MILITARY CONFLICT IN THE AREA.

AS TO THE SOVIET UNION, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE LEONID BREZHNEV STRESSED RECENTLY THAT OUR COUNTRY WAS AND REMAINS A FIRM SUPPORTER OF A JUST DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND OF GUARANTEED SECURITY FOR ALL THE COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES OF THE AREA. AS BEFORE, WE ARE READY TO MAKE OUR CONTRIBUTION TO ENSURING SUCH A PEACE.

SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLES OF EGYPT, SYRIA AND OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES, UPHOLDING THEIR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE ISRAELI AGGRESSOR AND THE CARE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST PEACE--THIS IS THE ESSENCE OF OUR POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

THE SOVIET UNION DOES NOT SEEK ANYTHING FOR ITSELF IN THE AREA. ALL OUR ACTIONS ARE AIMED AT HELPING THE PEOPLES OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES LIBERATE THEIR LANDS SEIZED BY ISRAEL, ACHIEVE A JUST POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, STRENGTHEN THEIR INDEPENDENCE, CREATE A FLOURISHING NATIONAL ECONOMY AND DEVELOP ALONG THE ROAD OF PROGRESS.

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